

## THE COMMANDING OFFICER

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Greetings from the Al Anbar Province of Iraq!

May is already coming to a close. Time has really flown by since we assumed our responsibilities in Iraq on 27 March. I am able to look back at two great months of hard work, dedication, and perseverance from our Marines and Sailors as we continue to accomplish the mission.

Although Task Force Military Police does not make the news back home, we have accomplished several significant achievements in the past two months.

- We planned, coordinated, and executed the first detainee release from Abu Ghurayb prison to an Iraqi Police Station to assist in re-integrating them into society and reduce the likelihood of joining insurgent groups.
- The detention facilities successfully completed two higher headquarter inspections just a few short weeks after arriving in country.
- The convoy security teams have driven over 100,000 miles total with no fatalities.

All of these accomplishments are not performed by an individual Marine. It takes a considerable amount of team work and dedication by each Marine to do their best. You should be proud of them!



**1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 14<sup>th</sup> Marines (-) (rein),  
4<sup>th</sup> Marine Division**

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Life in Iraq is almost comfortable. The temperatures have begun to break 100 degrees. Many of you received pictures of the sand storms that come over us in a matter of minutes filling the sky with fine, powdery dust.

Good news from stateside. We were able to break through the technical difficulties with the voice message hotline. Now, when you dial 866-270-9387, messages can be heard from the senior leadership and will be updated on the first and fifteenth of each month. Also, our website is under construction for updates thanks to our support staff in Alameda. Continue to check the website at <http://www.mfr.usmc.mil/4thmardiv/14thmar/1stbn/>.

In closing, I want to thank you for your continued support and keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. Without your understanding and full support, the Marines and Sailors can not focus on their mission at hand. I realize how difficult it is to wait for calls or mail from your loved one, and dealing with uncertainty. We appreciate everything you do for us.

Semper Fidelis,  
LtCol Rob Roslawski

## FAMILY READINESS OFFICER

Battalion Family Readiness Comments:

Marine/Sailor families and friends,

Hello again to all the motivated families of the Marines/Sailors of Task Force MP. Another month has passed, and the Task Force continues to perform their missions and duties like true warriors. Their focus and efforts have not wavered, due to your strong support at home.

Your letters, e-mails, MotoMail, and care packages have made a tremendous impact on the morale of this Task Force. Each reserve center in our Task Force continues to maintain high standards in providing resources for each family.

The Family Readiness Officer (FRO), and the Key Volunteer Coordinator (KVC), is always ready to answer questions, and provide information in regards to family support.

Remember; Operational Security, please be careful on what information is sent, and received by your Marines/Sailors. Have an Outstanding Marine Corps Day.

Semper Fi,  
**Sergeant Major John K. Bell**  
2144 Clement Ave.  
Alameda, CA 94501

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## Key Volunteer's

Dear Family and Friends of Task Force Military Police,

Sounds like all the Batteries and Company programs are going well. Lots of support is being shared through gatherings and information passed along in e-mails, by telephone and in-person. We are fortunate to have each other to lean on. Not all services have this kind of family support system set up while being separated from our loved ones during deployment.

If you do have any questions, problems or concerns, please address them to your Key Volunteer (KV) or Family Readiness Officer (FRO). I know there were some concerns that have been cleared up just by discussing them. I am glad to be of any assistance.

Since the hot, hot weather is a basic reality in every day life of your Marine and Sailor, I thought it would be a good idea to furnish you with a copy of the weather report temperature descriptions in Iraq.

ZINDER-CLAYTON-LUCERO (ZCL) TEMPERATURE SCALE			
<b>WARN</b>	85-89 °F	<b>INFERNO</b>	110-114 °F
<b>HOT!</b>	90-94 °F		115-119 °F
<b>REALLY HOT!</b>	95-99 °F		120-124 °F
<b>UNBEARABLY HOT!</b>	100-104 °F		125 °F
<b>SCORCHING</b>	105-109 °F		or Greater

Please let your KV or myself know about any ideas you may have for information to have printed in this newsletter.

I wish you all well.

Sally Roslawski  
Battalion Key Volunteer Coordinator  
1/14 Task Force Military Police  
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## MILITARY JARGON

1. **Activation:** reserve military member becomes an active duty military member
2. **Can:** living quarters.
3. **Casualty:** one who is injured or killed in action.
4. **Chuck Norris Hot:** when temperatures exceed 125 degrees or greater.
5. **Deployment:** military member is assigned duty outside the U.S.A.
6. **IED:** improvised explosive devices.
7. **MEF:** Marine Expeditionary Force, to which 1/14 is attached.
8. **Outside the Wire:** outside the confines of the camp.
9. **Sandbox:** Iraq



## THE KVN TEAM

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## Key Volunteer Network Mission Statement

*The Key Volunteer Network is a part of the Commander's official Family Readiness Program. The role of the KVN is to support and assist the Commander by providing improved communications between the command and the families, by developing a support network among families within the unit, and by establishing a focal point for information and referral to appropriate helping agencies. It is the primary communication link between the commanding officer and the unit's families for mission readiness. Key Volunteers all attend a training session to learn about the resources available to Marine families.*

## DEERS

The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System is a centralized automated system that captures, edits and maintains sponsor and family member data upon which eligibility for military health care (Tricare), Dental Care, and other benefits are determined. Marines and their immediate dependents are eligible. Enrollment in the SGLI program is now done automatically through DEERS.

Visit the [DEERS Web site](https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/swg/owa/webguard.login?appl=9012&rule=02)- this is the quick and easy way to update your information. The best time to update is during non-peak hours!  
<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/swg/owa/webguard.login?appl=9012&rule=02>

## L.I.N.K.S

L.I.N.K.S is now available online. To learn more about it go to:

<http://www.usmc-mccs.org/MCFTB/LINKS/online.cfm>

To access L.I.N.K.S. Online go to:

<http://www.marinenet.usmc.mil/>

Log in using your social security number and date of birth. Go to the Course Catalog and click on Marine Corps Training Courses. Click on L.I.N.K.S. and then enroll in the course. Once enrolled you will need to go to "My Account" and replace your Marine's name with yours as the user. Finally, launch the course. Now your journey begins!

## Emergencies

When our Marines get activated, it is of major concern that we are able to communicate with them if an emergency arises.

In case of an emergency (death or hospitalization of an immediate family member) contact the local Red Cross (<http://www.redcross.org>).

You will need to have your Marine's:

Social Security Number

Name

Unit's Name

Location of the Unit

Nature of emergency or message

The Red Cross will get the message to the Marine as soon as possible.

Email: [info@arcriohondo.org](mailto:info@arcriohondo.org)

Website: <http://www.arcriohondo.org>

## With a Military ID card you are eligible to shop at the...

### Exchange

The Exchange is similar to a department store. Savings are plentiful and you pay no taxes!!!

### Commissary

The commissary is a non-profit grocery store. All items are sold at cost plus a 5% surcharge (used to pay operating cost, the baggers work for tips so don't forget them).

### COMMISSARIES

<http://www.commissaries.com/>



### Military One Source

Military One Source is a referral service to help Marine families find information and services for any part of the United States. Translators are available.

[www.mccsonesource.com](http://www.mccsonesource.com)

User ID: Marines

Password: Semper Fi

or

(800) 869-0278



## Headquarters Battery

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Good day to the families and friends of 1/14 Marines and Sailors!

Today is 14 May, 2006, and while you're celebrating Mother's Day back home, we're getting used to the heat. Today the temperature topped-out at 102 degrees Fahrenheit, so we're getting a taste of what's in store for us in the months ahead!

Since the last time I've written to you there have been some subtle changes, but for the most part, we're now moving along at a steady pace. We're making sure that a routine has been established and we're maintaining our edge. For most of the Marines and sailors this equates to shop/section work for 8 to 10 hours per day, some physical fitness training (individually is the norm) mealtime (three times a day), and then once in a while there's a bit of MWR (morale, welfare, and recreation) available which can equate to a basketball shootout, a ping-pong tournament, or playing cards, or just throwing the football in the courtyard.

Routine is good and we enjoy having a schedule, but we also are doing our best to make sure we don't get too routine. None of us can afford to get complacent. With that in mind, we conduct some training for all the HQ Marines every couple of weeks. Sometimes it's brand-new training received by the medical department and sometimes it's just a review to reemphasize past classes. This sustainment training can include weapons handling, vehicle driving, and some of it is simply Professional Military Education that Marines are taking care of to make themselves competitive for promotion. As always, the day-to-day operations combined with sustainment training can make for busy days, but the Marines will tell you that the busy days are better, because the time fly's by.

As for time left, here are some interesting ways to count down the time. Some are counting the days, some are using weeks or months to go. I've heard of a Marine who insists on counting paydays until we return. All of these help in making it go by quickly. Know that we're as anxious to get home as

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you are to have us back safely. And with that in mind, I ask that you keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we do the same for all of you stateside. We're about ¼ done with our time here now, and we look forward to coming on home.

Finally, I'd like to recognize the Marines who were promoted on May 1, 2006. Congratulations to the following:

Sgt. J.L. Zhou (Force Protection)  
Sgt. R. Berg (Force Protection and now PSD)  
Sgt. B.J. Authement (Military Working Dog (MWD) Handler)  
Sgt. S.M. Childron (MWD Handler)  
Sgt. M.J. Harris (MWD Handler)  
LCpl D.T. Andersen (working with Hotel Battery)  
LCpl A. Espinoza (working with Motor Transport section)

I'd also like to notice two special Marines from the S-2 Section, Intelligence.

GySgt Brian Langedyk was just recently promoted while working with Tango Battery in Ramadi. He's now back with us in HQ. Also, we as a battery are very proud of Cpl. Mark Harvey, who was recently Combat Meritoriously-promoted to the rank of Cpl. He's our newest NCO and rightfully earned the honor and distinction of being selected to Corporal by the Commanding General.

Semper fidelis

Maj. Erik van Weezendonk  
HQ Battery Commanding Officer

P.S. S-2 was also given the opportunity this month to submit their own paragraph for the newsletter. Every month the First Sergeant and I will select a HQ work section to write their own inputs and publish them. This month we hear from LCpl Emley from S-2.

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#### Section Newsletter: The S-2

Our first month is over here in Western Iraq and things are running smoothly. The days go by fast and the summer is approaching rapidly. We are performing our daily tasks with ease and our sister companies, Hotel, Tango, and Charlie Company are busy with missions.

The Morning Shift consists of Cpl Tran and LCpl Ventura. Their job deals with providing daily updates of insurgent activity throughout our area of operations while the afternoon shift focuses on Intel Briefs for the companies. The afternoon shift is lead by Cpl Zhao. Cpl Harvey and LCpl Emley provide daily briefs for various missions. The Intel Officer In Charge is Capt Inami and the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge is GySgt Langedyk. They watch over the shop, provide guidance and delegate assigned jobs.

Our shop is roughly the size of a walk in bathroom and can get cramped at times, so we all try to get out on combat missions as much as possible. Even though danger can be around every corner, part of our job is to go outside the wire and get first-hand information. This helps us brief the companies for future missions; by knowing what they can expect to experience from our point of view, not only off of a computer.

The chow hall is good, and the Baskin Robbins ice cream is hard to resist for dessert every evening. We try to balance our meals with fast food and main meals, and if anyone ever feels guilty about what they ate, the gym is literally a ten-second walk away.

Iraq seems to be stabilizing with more and more Iraqis joining the local police and army. A good amount of our missions consist of transferring newly graduated Iraqi Police to their new stations. The Marines are focused and working hard. Before we know it we'll be getting ready to changeover with the next unit and we'll be heading home.

-LCpl Emley



## A Battery

Parents, Spouses, Children, and Loved Ones,

Things are heating up weather wise, with averages in the high 90's. Operations are on-going and it's already Mother's Day.

Hopefully all the Marines got in touch with all the Mothers out there. Happy Mother's Day.

Father's Day is June 18<sup>th</sup>, and with all the family photos I've seen, and the way the Marines and Sailors light up when talking about their children, I foresee a lot of mail heading this way. Keep up the good work!

Since the last newsletter, promotions for the Month of May were: SSgt Coronado, Cpl Grella and Cpl Powell. Cpl Ives is now a Sgt, promoted on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2006.

Congratulations to these fine Marines for their hard work and dedication. Cpl's Grella and Powell were backdated due to administrative issues.

The Battery nominees for Sailor of the Quarter is HM2 Intelisano for the Jan-Mar timeframe, Cpl. Ives is the NCO of the Quarter, and LCpl Sullivan is Marine of the Quarter. .

**LCpl Sullivan was selected as Battalion Marine of the Quarter. HM2 Intelisano and Sgt Ives were not selected due to very keen competition. Congratulations to all three, as well as all the Battery nominees. Great Job!**

The Battery is performing extremely well, and you can be proud of everyone. The Marines and Sailors are kept busy, and in their off time are working out; running, lifting weights, etc, (there was a sighting of Sgt Jend and Cpl Hills buying all the dietary supplements from the PX.) The Martial Arts program is in full swing, and the Marines are enjoying their time in the "pit". Alpha Battery is one tough bunch!

Toby Keith will be making the rounds in the very near future and should be a heck of a show.

Keeping your Marines and Sailors safe, and Happy Mothers Day, once again!

Major G.R. Deliberto, USMCR  
Detentions Company, Commanding Officer

## B Battery

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Dear Families,

Another month has sped by and, once again, a lot has changed. For starters, we have officially detached from the First Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group (I MHG), and have rejoined 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 14<sup>th</sup> Marines. Upon detaching from I MHG, we lost the 200 Marines who augmented us at Camp Fallujah to other missions. As for the core group of Bravo Marines remaining, we initially trained for our new mission, then took a little time off



for recovery. We've recently made the move to Al Asad Air Base for what we hope will be our final mission through the remainder of the deployment.

If you haven't already started sending correspondences to our new address, please do so immediately. Mail sent to the old MHG Force Protection address will be routed to the Marines only for a short period of time, and will take a few days longer to reach the intended addressee. For those who haven't previously received a copy of the new address please refer to the following:

**Rank Name i.e., Sergeant Your Marine  
TF MP (Battery B)**

**UIC 43560**

**FPO-AP 96426-3560**

Though we haven't re-attached the Marines from second platoon for our new mission, we've at least been physically

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reunited. It's nice to see the Marines doing well and that old friendships have been quickly rekindled. Al Asad is very different from Camp Fallujah, it is more remote, so we expect the operation tempo to slow a little. The base is also somewhat more Americanized, and we now have access to several fast food restaurants and a bigger PX.

I'd be remiss if I didn't provide an update on our casualties noted in my last letter. Everyone has returned to full duty with the exception Sergeant A. who returned to the United States to recover from his wounds. He has made significant progress and is in good spirits, our best wishes for a quick recovery go out to both he and his family.



While training for our new mission, the Marines seem as focused as ever, and I'm confident the battery will continue to be successful. Congratulations to Gunnery Sergeant Siau and Staff Sergeant Coronado for their recent promotions and Major Boulos for his selection for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel. We'd also like to wish all of the battery's mothers a belated but happy mother's day. Farewell for now, may God bless and keep us safe.

## **C Company**

Greetings from Iraq, Charlie Company is currently performing missions on a Al Asad. The Marines are doing well and everyone is healthy. The mailing addresses remain the same as before. The first couple of months has been getting settled and up to speed with our area and mission, which always takes some time and flexibility before a unit gets settled in place. As always, Military Police are a force multiplier, and we have been on the frontlines in the war on terror in support of the Marine Expeditionary Force.

CID is located at Camp Fallujah and Al Asad, as well performing a very robust schedule. Capt Schultz is the Operations Officer, and the Platoon Commanders are Captain Fountain for First Platoon, Captain Gavigan for Second Platoon, and Gunnery Sergeant Stewart for Third Platoon. We also have an addition of a Capt Margaret Hall as the Executive Officer, who is from Indiana and 1/14. At times, we are subject to communications restrictions, which inhibit phone and email, so please be patient with your Marines if you haven't heard from them for a couple of days. If there are any questions, please address them to myself at [michael.jylkka@cemnf-wiraq.usmc.mil](mailto:michael.jylkka@cemnf-wiraq.usmc.mil)

Semper Fidelis,

Capt Jylkka  
MP Co C, 1/14 TF MP  
Company Commander

## **Hotel Battery**

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Greetings to the Hotel Battery Family! We have had a busy month since the last newsletter. Your Marines and sailors have conducted missions that have taken them to many new locations throughout Iraq, such as Trebil and Walid, towns along the Jordanian border; Al Qaim, near the Syrian border and Baghdad. As always, their professionalism, intelligence, knowledge and experience thus far have allowed these missions to be completed safely and smoothly.

After learning our jobs and becoming familiar with the routes we take for missions, the Marines and sailors are now able to start having some fun on the days they aren't preparing for or conducting a mission. Two of the platoons challenged each other to a softball game and baseball fever quickly spread to the rest of the battery. The platoons are very competitive but always in a good natured, friendly way that only Marines and sailors can truly appreciate. Even the Headquarters section gathered a softball team and was soundly trounced by Second Platoon. We hope to have an official season and tournament throughout the summer in order to help pass the time. Another outlet will be an upcoming volleyball tournament, sponsored by the Marines on base who forecast the weather. The Hotel Marines and sailors have accepted the challenge and look forward to playing against some of the other units aboard the base.

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We also closely follow the news of the various social and fundraising events sponsored by the Key Volunteer Network in Richmond. Prudence Milligan sends me pictures from each event and they are posted in the barracks for the Marines and sailors to see their wives, girlfriends and parents back home. I encourage everyone who is able to attend the social events and participate in the fundraisers. You will meet some great people who also have loved ones in Iraq, probably have a lot of fun and help raise some funds for our homecoming and birthday ball in November.

As many of you have likely heard, one of our own was sent home for a medial condition and was medically evacuated from Iraq. Capt James Browning, Third Platoon Commander, had a blood vessel in his brain begin to bleed. He had some initial surgery in Iraq, was flown to Germany and he is now in Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland. There is no known cause for this condition. He is doing well and is surrounded by his family at his bedside everyday. Please remember Capt Browning and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Semper Fidelis!

Major Chris Warnke, USMCR  
Commanding Officer  
Hotel Battery, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, 14<sup>th</sup> Marines

## **Tango Battery**

Dear Friends and Family,

With two months behind us, the battery continues to lean forward and execute missions at a mind numbing pace. The Marines continue to stay focused and continue to show their true professionalism. The battery continues to look after one another and has become family while deployed.

The battery has now conducted over 60 combat missions, while safely escorting over 1,000 trucks, and hundreds of Iraqi Soldiers. The total mileage count is over 80,000 safe miles driven. This again is a testament to the professionalism and dedication of your Marines.

The care packages from home have been arriving on a regular basis and are a welcome reminder of home. As we approach our half way point in this deployment these are more important now than ever to help keep your Marines focused on their mission here. The support we have received has been outstanding and on behalf of the battery I thank you.

As Mothers Day passes I would like to thank all of the mothers of Tango Battery. Whether it's your son who's deployed with us or your husband, we thank you for your sacrifices and support. I know all of the Marines join me in wishing all of you a Happy Mothers Day and look forward to being with all of you next Mothers Day.

Respectfully,

Captain Keith

## **Battalion Chaplain**

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Blessings to all of the Task Force MP family,

Another month has flown by, at least from my vantage point, and your Marines and Sailors continue to do all things well. It would be wonderful to have the ability to have you see first hand all that is being accomplished by your loved ones. Whether it is providing security for convoys traveling across Iraq, working with detainees, providing medical care for the daily cuts, bruises, and illnesses, keeping our Marines supplied, or providing security for the base where we live, they are comporting themselves with professionalism, courage, and a genuine joy in what they do.

By now you, like us, have settled into a pattern and routine which is probably a bit different than what you were living before the deployment. I know that my wife and son have discovered the joy of cooking. For years I have done the majority of the cooking in our home. Now let me make this perfectly clear, MY WIFE IS A VERY GOOD COOK, but I actually like to do it so I cook and she cleans up my mess. Well for the past few months she's been doing both and since my teenage son hasn't sent emails saying he's starving to death, I guess she is doing okay with it. I have also been informed that I will be resuming my duties when I get home.

## **Battalion Chaplain**

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Now the point of all this is not to let you know how my family is doing, but rather to illustrate a change that is going on in the lives of every one of us. Separation like this changes us. We are, by our nature, very adaptive to new environments. We may not like the change or the environment, but we will adjust to survive.

I would encourage each of you to reflect upon the changes that are taking place in your life. Identify them and ask yourself a few questions. Do I like this change? Is it permanent or simply meeting an immediate or temporary need? How will my Marine respond to this change when he gets home? How can I make sure that this change is good for me and my Marine or Sailor when we are reunited?

This type of reflection will allow for the opportunity for the things that have happened during this deployment to lead to growth when we return. Growth involves change and is a sign of life. Work on this and see what new and good things will come into your life.

Know that you remain in my prayers and I ask that you continue with yours for us.

Chaplain Reed



**BAGHDAD**



**CONVOY IN SANDSTORM**



**SANDSTORM ROLLING IN**



**SOFTBALL1**



**SOFTBALL2**



**SOFTBALL3**



**FOOTBALL1**



**FOOTBALL1**



**SOCCER1**





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Hello families! I've been asked to talk a little about what your Marines are doing and also to talk about casual pay and how this can impact the take home pay at your end.

A Battery with additional support from B Battery runs the initial detainment system in Iraq. They detain prisoners who're suspected of crimes until they can be screened for release or movement to a longer stay facility and trial. Each prisoner receives basic care and special training. The intent is to teach them that the new Iraq and it allies are not their enemies. Great care is taken to treat them fairly. The Rocky Mountain Battery is doing a great job.

B Battery with help from C Battery does force protection. This includes: guarding check points, patrolling and maintaining observation posts. Additionally, this team may participate in convoy protection. The Midwest Marines keep us all safe.

C Company, MP(s) does a number of specialized MP functions. They conduct convoy protection and roadway sweeps to find explosives and obstacles. C Company also provides specialized MP support for customs and Provost Marshal Office (PMO) operations. The Marines from the Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania (KOP) triangle are good to go.

H (3/14) and T (5/11) Batteries are involved in the day to day task of convoy protection. This is hard work, but these batteries are well trained and motivated. They travel the roads of Iraq providing law and protection. It is not a stretch to say that the hope for free commerce in this country rides on their shoulders. Virginia and SoCal should be proud.

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Last but not least is HQ Battery. This Battery is unique in that it supports all the line units. Here you find administrative, intelligence, operations, logistics and communications support. Here are the mechanics, the watch standers of the Combat Operations Center (COC), the detentions cell, the PMO and the doggies – wuff, wuff. Although, they're everywhere, the dog teams are controlled through the COC. These brave dogs provide their keen noses to find bombs and to go in places that would put a Marine in danger. HQ puts the cool in Cali.

Additionally, the Task Force has an additional 300 man force pulled from different Air Wing units and organized as a provisional company. E Company provides additional force protection. They man combat posts and also conduct patrolling. They're from everywhere across the U.S. Last but not least, we have a 300 man force of contractors from Uganda that guard entry checkpoints. They're very polite, smart and efficient. They're also glad to have the opportunity to serve and to improve their lot in life.

Now let's address: casual pay. There are no ATM(s) here in Iraq, so the Marine Corps has made casual pay available for up to \$350.00 in cash per month. When a Marine gets cash using casual pay, the money is immediately deducted from his pay account and deducted from the next paycheck. It's important for your Marine and you to discuss the use of casual pay as this will change his paycheck amount. If your Marine has a personal finance emergency and needs cash, he can go to the 1stSgt so that they can discuss the financial need and to try and provide a way to contact you.

**Steve Rapp**

Major Stephen H. Rapp USMCR  
Executive Officer, Task Force MP (1/14)

## **Battalion Sergeant Major**

Ahoy family and friends. We are more than half way through our activation and are in full stride with our missions here in Iraq. Your Marines and Sailors are once again performing beyond all expectations and continue to achieve success after success.

Some of the battalion will have moved once again by the time of this print. Some will have moved to Al Asad Air Base, while some remain at their initial sites. Please be sure to check the newsletter for your unit's NEW address, if indeed they've moved. The transition will NOT affect Alpha, or Tango Batteries. Hotel Battery will remain in the same location, but WILL have a new address, since they were sharing an address with one of the units that have moved already.

The weather is beginning to get really hot. We are already in the 100's every day, and it's not officially summer yet. We expect to get into the 120's before we leave here. If you took a frying pan and left it out in the sun for a few hours, you could literally fry an egg with no fire. We'll keep drinking water and trying to find shade or air conditioning when we can.

We look forward to your emails and regular mail to keep us informed of what's going on back home. Your Marine/Sailor would love to hear from you. Take care and we'll see you when we get back.

Semper Fidelis

Sergeant Major Enrique Borgzinner  
Task Force Military Police